

Remarks:

Claims 8, 10, 12-14, 16-19, 23, 47, 49, and 51 remain for consideration in this application along with newly added claims 52-65.

In the office action dated March 21, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 8, 10, 12-14, 16-19, 23, 47, 49, and 51 were allowed. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 43, and 45 were rejected as being anticipated by Park '660. These claims have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot. Therefore, the only claims remaining in this application are those that were previously allowed by the Examiner.

Applicants have added claims 52-65 with claims 52 and 59 being in independent format. Claims 52 is substantially identical to allowed claim 8 with the exception that the Markush group for the first material also recites metal hydroxides. Claim 59 is also based upon allowed claim 8 with the exception that the Markush group for the first material recites oxides and hydroxides of Mg, Ce, Ag, Sr, Ba, Ca, Fe, V, Mn, Ni, Cu, Zn, Si, Al. These claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed and are generic to the species elected previously (Al_2O_3 and Ag). Exemplary support for these claims may be found in the specification on page 3, lines 6-7 (which recites that the first material being selected from the group consisting of metal oxides and metal hydroxides), and page 3, lines 22-24 (which recites the oxides of Mg, Ce, Ag, Sr, Ba, Ca, Fe, V, Mn, Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn, Si, Al). One of skill in the art would recognize from the present specification that Applicants, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the materials recited in claims 52-65. Thus, the entry of claims 52-65 does not constitute the introduction of new matter into the present application.

It has already been established that none of the references of record in this application disclose the metal oxide materials as presently claimed (as these materials are recited in allowed claim 8). Applicants also submit that none of the references of record disclose the hydroxide materials as presently claimed. Particularly, Park '660, Chen et al. '862, Blankenship et al. '568, and Elliott et al. '013 are all directed to materials comprising metal oxides and not metal hydroxides. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 52-65 are allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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